

MINUTES
Texas College Preparatory Academies (“TCPA”)
Premier High Schools (“PHS”)
TexasWorks (AdultEd)

Date: January 16, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: 1301 Waters Ridge Drive, Lewisville, Texas 75057

Meeting Type: Regular

Attendees: Ben Klingenstein, President; Kent Sparks, Vice President; Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary; Chuck Cook, CEO/Board Member; Rick Fengler, Board Member; Delilah Lopez Loya, Board Member; Amie Giacumakis, Board Member.

Ben Klingenstein, Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

1. Consent Items

Motion: Amie Giacumakis moved to approve consent items 1-9 as presented.

Second: Delilah Lopez Loya

Vote: 7-0 in favor

1. Consider approving the payment of bills from 10/1/2025 - 12/31/2025. (T)(P)(TW)
2. Consider approving district lease agreements. (T)(P)(TW)
3. Consider approving the submission of 2026-2027 Expansion Amendment requests to the TEA for TexasWorks. (TW)
4. Consider approving the submission of non-expansion amendments to TEA for campus relocations and campus grade level expansion. (T)(P)(TW)
5. Consider approving 2025-26 revised school calendars. (T)(P)(TW)
6. Consider approving the 2025-26 targeted campus improvement plans. (T)(P)(TW)
7. Approve the minutes from the board meeting held on November 14, 2025.
8. Consider approving the bylaws, operational procedures, and the appointment of members to the Student Health Advisory Council. (T)(P)
9. Consider approving district contracts. (T)(P)(TW)

2. Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session at 12:36 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.076 to discuss the Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings And Tex. Gov’t Code §551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to consider the hiring of a lone candidate for the position of Superintendent.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:54 p.m. and took the following action on items discussed in closed session.

a. Superintendent Appointment

Motion: Ben Klingenstein moved to appoint Kalese Whitehurst as Superintendent for TCPA & PHS.
Second: Delilah Lopez Loya
Vote: 7-0 in favor

b. Strategic Leadership Realignment

Motion: Ben Klingenstein moved to approve the CEO's strategic leadership realignment plan as discussed in closed session.
Second: Amie Giacumakis
Vote: 6-0 in favor (Chuck Cook abstained from the vote)

Board President, Ben Klingenstein, adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Ben Klingenstein, President

Date

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

Date

**TEXASWORKS
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPANSION FOR THE
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, ResponsiveEd Texas (“ResponsiveEd”), a Texas 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, seeks to increase the choice of learning opportunities for students;

WHEREAS, the ResponsiveEd Board of Directors (“Board”) for TexasWorks (061806) has considered a business plan and has determined by a majority vote of the board that the growth proposed is prudent.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ResponsiveEd Board of Directors for TexasWorks (061806) approves the expansion and the submission of the requisite notifications to accomplish the following additional expansion for the 2026-2027 school year:

1. To open an expansion site or campus in the Dallas, Texas, area.
2. To open an expansion site or campus in the Houston, Texas, area.
3. To open an expansion site or campus in the Killeen, Texas, area.
4. To open an expansion site or campus in the Port Arthur, Texas, area.

By 7 to 0 majority vote of members of the Board, this resolution was (Check one.) approved disapproved at a lawfully called meeting on January 16, 2026, as indicated by their signatures below.

Ben Klingenstein, President

1/16/2026
Date

Kent Sparks, Vice President

1/16/2026
Date

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

1/16/2026
Date

Charles Cook

1/16/2026
Date

Delilah Lopez Loya

1/16/2026
Date

Richard Fengler

Date

1/16/2024

Amie Giacumakis

Date

1/16/2024

**TEXAS COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMIES
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RELOCATION FOR
GIFTED AND TALENTED KIDS ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, ResponsiveEd Texas (ResponsiveEd”), a Texas 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, is the charter holder for Texas College Preparatory Academies (“TCPA”);

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of TCPA seeks to increase the choice of learning opportunities for students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the submission of a charter amendment to the Texas Education Agency to relocate PreK site Gifted and Talented Kids Academy 221801-069-006 at 14551 Cullen Blvd. B, Houston, TX 77047, to the new location of 12702 Kirby Dr., Houston, TX 77047, for the 2025-2026 school year.

By a 7 to 0 majority vote of the members of the Board, this resolution was (Check one.) approved ___ disapproved at a lawfully called meeting on January 16, 2026, as indicated by their signatures below.

Ben Klingenstein, President

1/16/2026
Date

Kent Sparks, Vice President

1/16/2026
Date

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

1/16/2026
Date

Charles Cook

1/16/2026
Date

Delilah Lopez Loya

1/16/2026
Date

Richard Fengler

1/16/2026
Date

Amie Giacumakis

11/16/2026
Date

**PREMIER HIGH SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RELOCATION
FOR PREMIER HIGH SCHOOL LUBBOCK**

WHEREAS, ResponsiveEd Texas (“ResponsiveEd”), a Texas 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, is the charter holder for Premier High Schools (“PHS”);

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Premier High School (“Board”) seeks to increase the choice of learning opportunities for students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the submission of a charter amendment to the Texas Education Agency to relocate Campus 072801-110 from its current address at 2002 W. Loop 289, Ste. 121, Lubbock, TX 79407 to 801 N. Quaker Ave, Lubbock, Texas 79416 for the 2026-2027 school year.

By a 7 to 0 majority vote of the members of the Board, this resolution was (Check one.) approved ___ disapproved at a lawfully called meeting on January 16, 2026, as indicated by their signatures below.

Ben Klingenstein, President

Date 1/16/2026

Kent Sparks, Vice President

Date 1/16/2026

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

Date 1/16/2026

Charles Cook

Date 1/16/2026

Delilah Lopez Loya

Date 1/16/2026

Richard Fengler

Date 1/16/2026

Amie Giacumakis

1/16/2026
Date

**PREMIER HIGH SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF GRADE LEVEL(S)**

WHEREAS, ResponsiveEd Texas ("ResponsiveEd"), a Texas 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, is the charter holder for Premier High Schools ("PHS");

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors ("Board") of PHS seeks to increase the choice of learning opportunities for students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the submission of a charter amendment to the Texas Education Agency and approves the addition of grade levels for Premier High School Online, campus number 221801-145, from grades 9 - 12, to grades 6 - 12, for the 2025-2026 school year.

By a 7 to 0 majority vote of members of the Board, this resolution was (Check one.) approved ___ disapproved at a lawfully called meeting on January 16, 2026, as indicated by their signatures below.

Ben Klingenstein, President

1/16/2026
Date

Kent Sparks, Vice President

1/16/2026
Date

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

1/16/2026
Date

Charles Cook

1/16/2026
Date

Delilah Lopez Loya

1/16/2026
Date

Richard Fengler

1/16/2026
Date

Amie Giacumakis

11/16/2020
Date

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF DENTON

**RESPONSIVEED TEXAS
BOARD RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF A
LOCAL STUDENT HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code Section 12.104 (b)(3)(DD) and Section 28.004 require open-enrollment charter schools to create a local student health advisory council, hereinafter referred to as the “SHAC”; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the SHAC are (1) to assist Texas College Preparatory Academies and Premier High Schools, charter school districts operated by ResponsiveEd Texas as the charter holder organization (hereinafter, individually the “District” and collectively, the “Districts”) in ensuring that local community values are reflected in the school’s health education instruction, and (2) to make recommendations before a District(s) changes its health education curriculum or instruction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors must appoint at least five members to the SHAC, a majority of which must be persons who are parents of students enrolled in each District and who are not employed by the District;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors may also appoint one or more persons from each of the following groups or a representative from a group other than a group specified:

1. Classroom teachers employed by the District;
2. School counselors certified under Education Code Chapter 21, Subchapter B, employed by the District;
3. School administrators employed by the District;
4. District students;
5. Health-care professionals licensed or certified to practice in this state, including medical or mental health professionals;
6. The business community;
7. Law enforcement;
8. Senior citizens;
9. The clergy;
10. Nonprofit health organizations
11. Local domestic violence programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires for the SHAC to operate cooperatively and effectively as an advisory body for the benefit of students.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT a majority of the members of the Board of Directors at a lawfully called board meeting posted and held pursuant to the Texas open meetings law hereby adopts the following resolutions:

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors hereby appoints the following members to the SHAC:

1. Nanci Kistler, Director of Health Services
2. Melissa Summarsell, Director of Child Nutrition
3. Miranda Soto, Parent, Premier High Schools
4. Karen Smith, Parent, Founders Classical Academy
5. Amber Bundschu, Parent, Ignite Community School

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors hereby adopts the enclosed SHAC Bylaws and Operational Procedures and directs the SHAC to comply with its terms as well as to comply with applicable state law and local policy pertaining to the SHAC's operation.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RESPONSIVEED TEXAS, ON THE 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

Members Voting in Favor of Resolution:

Ben Klingenstein, President

11/16/2026
Date

Kent Sparks, Vice President

11/16/2026
Date

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

11/16/2026
Date

Charles Cook

11/16/2026
Date

Delilah Lopez Loya

11/16/2026
Date

Richard Fengler

11/16/2026
Date

Amie Giacumakis

11/16/2026
Date

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the Secretary of the Charter Holder, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of a Resolution of the Directors of the Corporation, duly held on January 16, 2026, which Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or amended.

Secretary 1/16/2026

Enclosure

(SHAC Bylaws and Operating Procedure)

**RESPONSIVEED TEXAS
RESOLUTION TO APPOINTMENT SUPERINTENDENT**

WHEREAS, ResponsiveEd Texas (“ResponsiveEd”), a Texas 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, seeks to increase the choice of learning opportunities for students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ResponsiveEd Texas Board of Directors appoints Kalese Whitehurst as Superintendent of the charters held under ResponsiveEd Texas, Premier High School (072801), and Texas College Preparatory Academies (221801).

By 7 to 0 majority vote of members of the Board, this resolution was (Check one.) approved disapproved at a lawfully called meeting on January 16, 2026, and as indicated by their signatures below.

Ben Klingenstein, President

1/16/2026
Date

Kent Sparks, Vice President

1/16/2026
Date

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

1/16/2026
Date

Charles Cook

1/16/2026
Date

Robert Davison

1/16/2026
Date

Delilah Lopez Loya

1/16/2026
Date

Richard Fengler

1/16/2026
Date

Amie Giacumakis

1/16/2020
Date

MINUTES
Texas College Preparatory Academies (“TCPA”)
Premier High Schools (“PHS”)
TexasWorks (AdultEd)

Date: November 14, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: 1301 Waters Ridge Drive, Lewisville, Texas 75057

Meeting Type: Regular

Attendees: Ben Klingenstein, President; Kent Sparks, Vice President; Chuck Cook, CEO/Board Member; Rick Fengler, Board Member; Delilah Lopez Loya, Board Member.

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary; Board Member, was absent.

Ben Klingenstein, Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m.

1. Consent Items

Motion: Kent Sparks moved to approve consent items 1-12 as presented. Item 13 was struck from the agenda.

Second: Delilah Lopez Loya

Vote: 5-0 in favor

1. Consider approving the 2024-2025 first quarter financials. (T)(P)(TW)
2. Consider approving the payment of bills from 7/1/2025 - 9/30/2025. (T)(P)(TW)
3. Consider approving the final 2024-2025 budget amendments. (T)(P)(TW)
4. Consider approving the submission of non-expansion amendments to TEA. (T)(P)
5. Consider approving the submission of 2026-2027 Expansion Amendment requests to the TEA. (T)(P)(TW)
6. Consider approving the growth analysis plan required for TEA expansion. (T)(P)(TW)
7. Consider approving the submission of TAC 19 waivers needed for expansion. (T)(P)(TW)
8. Consider approving 2025-26 revised and new school calendars. (T)(P)(TW)
9. Consider approving the 2024-2025 District Improvement Plan. (T)(P)
10. Ratify waivers for remote Homebound Instruction. (T)(P)
11. Approve the minutes from the board meeting held on September 11, 2025.
12. Consider approving district contracts. (T)(P)(TW)
- ~~13. Consider approving the bylaws, operational procedures, and the appointment of members to the Student Health Advisory Council. (T)(P)~~

2. Separate Items

a. Presentation of the 2024-25 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)

Motion:
Second:
Vote: No vote taken

b. Premier High Schools Leaver Data report

Motion: Rick Fengler moved to accept the leaver code report as presented by administration.
Second: Delilah Lopez Loya
Vote: 5-0 in favor

c. 2024-2025 Annual Financial and Compliance Report (Audit)

Motion: Chuck Cook moved to approve the 2024-2025 Annual Financial and Compliance Report.
Second: Kent Sparks
Vote: 5-0 in favor

d. New Board Member

Motion: Delilah Lopez Loya moved to approve the addition of a new board member, Amie Giacumakis, to the board beginning January 2026.
Second: Rick Fengler
Vote: 5-0 in favor

3. Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session at 12:44 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.076 to discuss Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings, MEOP, Active Threat Annex, and the District Vulnerability Assessment.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:55 p.m. No votes were taken on closed session items.

Board President, Ben Klingenstein, adjourned the meeting at 12:56p.m.

Ben Klingenstein, President

Date

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

Date